

DECLASSIFIED



Department of State

TELEGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL

AN: 0790430-0010

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KABUL 07040 2011122
ACTION 66-25

INFO OCT-01 AOS-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----038561 2011152 /11

O 201019Z SEP 79
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5712

CONFIDENTIAL KABUL 7040

EXDIS

E.O. 12065: GDS 9/20/85 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-M
TACS: PEPA, PINR, US, AF
CUDJ: GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON PAYING A COURTESY CALL ON NEW
PRESIDENT HAFIZULLAH AMIN

REF: STATE 247532

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT I SHOULD DO
ABOUT PAYING A COURTESY CONGRATULATORY CALL ON HAFIZULLAH
AMIN. PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WHICH INFORMED ME THAT
NO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT BY WASHINGTON, I HAD
PLANNED ON PAYING A CALL ON HIM AFTER DELIVERY OF THE MESSAGE.

3. THOUGH NO MESSAGE IS NOW TO BE SENT, I STILL THINK I
SHOULD CALL ON THE NEW PRESIDENT. FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD
BE INTERPRETED AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT OF OMISSION BY THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE MOST, IF NOT ALL, OTHER CHIEFS
OF MISSION, INCLUDING THOSE FROM WESTERN EMBASSIES, ARE
PLANNING TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS.

4. IF I AM AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED, I WOULD LIKE YOUR IDEAS
AS TO WHAT I MIGHT SAY OR ASK. I CAN THINK OF A NUMBER OF
QUESTIONS I COULD USEFULLY PUT TO HIM, VIS. ANY NEW DIRECTIONS

CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KABUL 07040 2011122

IN REGIONAL POLICY, OR WHAT HE HAS IN MIND FOR A NEW CONSTI-

CONFIDENTIAL

EXDIS REVIEW

- Category A - Caption removed;
transferred to O/FADRC
- Category B - Transferred to O/FADRC
with additional access
controlled by S/S
- Category C - Caption and custody
retained by S/S

Reviewed by: Elijah Kelly Jr.

Date: 4/7/87 19

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY JHELDON DATE 5-14-87
RHS FOR XREF EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
IMPROVED EXISTING MATERIALS
DECLASSIFIED BY PHMAB/AB/AM
RELEASE DATED
FOI EXEMPTIONS

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

TUTION? AT THE VERY LEAST, I WOULD ANTICIPATE HIS REPEATING HIS GOVERNMENT'S oft-stated desire for "GOOD RELATIONS" WITH EVERY COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE U.S. HE IS FAIRLY EASY TO TALK WITH.

5. REGARDLESS OF WHAT I MIGHT RAISE, MY CALLING ON HIM WOULD PROVIDE A LITMUS TEST TO ANY SHIFT IN AMIN'S FOREIGN POLICY. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SIGNS THIS WEEK OF SOME COOLING IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMIN AND THE SOVIETS, AND MY CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT WOULD GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGNAL ANY CHANGE IN HIS POLICY TOWARD THE U.S., IF HE WERE SO INCLINED.

6. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHED ME TO DO SO, I COULD ALSO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OUR RESPONSE TO THEIR DESIRE FOR A REDUCTION IN U.S. EMBASSY STAFF, BUT PROTOCOL-WISE THIS PERHAPS SHOULD BE KEPT AT THE MPA LEVEL.

7. PLEASE ADVISE. AMSTUTZ

CONFIDENTIAL

03115287031
CONFIDENTIAL